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Changing a registration

Almost every change after registration is an application of its own. How heavy it is depends on what you change.

11
kinds of change

10%
the line between a minor and a major formulation change

0
fee for a cancellation or a new contact person

7 to 418
days, estimated, from cancellation to a major change

FROM LIGHT TO HEAVY

What are you changing?

Bars show the department's 2017 estimate in days. Rand amounts are the February 2026 tariff, from 1 April 2026. Colour shows what the dossier needs beyond the forms.

forms and letters only · identity or supply evidence · trial and residue data



* The closest tariff item is a change of manufacturer, 8.4(c). Ask whether it applies to a formulator. Data waiver and protocol approval cost R4,445 each. An appeal to the Minister costs R8,574. Contact person and cancellation: no fee. A cancellation can come with the renewal as two copies of Form B, and the original certificate goes back to the Registrar.

A FORMULATION CHANGE

Minor or major?

10% of total content

Up to 10% of the content: minor

More than 10%: major

Unless the classification becomes more hazardous: then major

Minor

No selectivity, phytotoxicity or residue data.

1. A preservative, or a substance for safety to non-targets
2. One inert swapped for a similar one
3. Dyes that identify the formulation
4. Carrier or water in GR and SC formulations

Major

Same formulation type, bigger change.

1. Formulation toxicity, physical properties and storage stability
2. Efficacy data, as for a generic
3. Residue data

WHAT EACH CHANGE SENDS

The paperwork, change by change

Administrative

Name, wording, trade name, removing a use

1. Fee and covering letter
2. Application form, without the dossier indexes
3. The label
4. A safety data sheet, if changed

Package or formulator

Size, material, or a new site

1. Fee and covering letter
2. Application form, without the dossier indexes
3. New formulator: a supply letter from it

Label extension

New uses or claims

1. Form, and the label
2. Efficacy data for the new uses
3. Residue data
4. No new bee data if already submitted

New source of active ingredient

A change or an additional source

1. Form with the active ingredient index
2. A supply letter from the manufacturer
3. Manufacture, identity, purity and impurities, as for a generic

Transfer to a new holder

Name and company number change

1. A legal document confirming the transfer
2. An affidavit that nothing else changed, and the new owner takes over responsibility
3. Supply letters, label, safety data sheet

Reinstatement

Of a lapsed registration

1. Form with both dossier indexes
2. Supply letters from manufacturer and formulator
3. Label and safety data sheet

BEFORE YOU TEST

Waivers and protocol approval

WAIVER

Argue it first

If you think required data is unnecessary, ask before you run any test and before you apply.

SEND

Fee and a note

An explanatory note emailed to the technical adviser, with the waiver request attached.

ARGUE

Good science

A good scientific argument that the requirement should be waived.

PROTOCOL

Trial approval

To have a trial protocol approved before you apply: the fee and a detailed protocol.

This 2015 guideline says	But
Three copies of the form and the label	The 2023 regulations say duplicate and two label copies
Renew before 31 May	The regulations say apply at least 60 days before the expiry date. See the renewals guide
Time frames are 2017 estimates for non-crop remedies	Whether they apply to every change is not confirmed

Information, not legal advice. Facts as of 26 October 2026, from the Registrar's Guidelines on the data and documents required for registration of agricultural remedies in South Africa (2015) and, for time frames only, the Registrar's 2017 guidelines on non-crop remedies. Later changes are not reflected. Guidelines page: https://www.nda.gov.za/index.php/publication/581-guidelines

Sources

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